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brother to get hit. Atapada got five lashes. Then Senlaka wanted to hit me, but Alurkomau came and stood up for me. [Question revealed that he did not know the exact relationship of Alurkomau, only that he was of the same lineage and that he called him younger uncle. Rilpada was very vague about all his kinship ties because his father had been adopted into the Maughieta lineage.] So Senlaka struck Alurkomau five times. Then Senlaka said, "Next time you can steal from other people but not from me. I am your grandfather [classificatory]. You can take my greens, but if you are hungry and want anything else, ask me first and I'll give it to you. To come at night and take things is stealing. For this I punished you."

Once when I was about sixteen or seventeen, many of the young girls from Dikimpe had a field house in which they were sleeping together. They spoke to the young men, saying, "You men go hunt rats and we will cook bean cones. We will play tanat [the name for children's mock feasts]." So we went to hunt rats and the girls cooked bean cones. We were hunting below Old Dikimpe when a green snake bit the back of my neck. I felt dizzy and fell down. Blood came out of my nose. Lakamau carried me to the village. The others all ate the rats and bean cones while I slept in the house. The girls brought me three coconut dishes of raw beans.

When I was still small, maybe ten years old, many girls were dancing and playing at Fuhieng. The boys all went there to join them. The girls said, "Make a dance place." So we all leveled off the ground to make a dance place. The girls said, "Now we must dance for a human head and today we shall pay for it." So we took a dry banana stalk, made a bundle of it, and said it was a human head. We switched it back and forth and the boys and girls all danced challenge and beat it with sticks. Then the girls said, "That is taboo, so go throw it away." So we shouted defiance [*mabeina*] and threw the [mock] head away into the ravine. When we came back the girls said, "Now we shall feed the sellers." They cooked and used banana leaves as serving plates. We ate and then we gave a dance. We danced almost all night. Manifani, who was chief, came with a switch and drove us away because we were making so much noise he could not hear the case he was judging. He tried to hit us but we all ran away. He set fire to our playhouse. We all went to our own houses to sleep.

I was about six or seven when Manikalieta fed his wealth-bringing spirit [*nara*]. I wanted to go to my garden, which adjoined his. Manikalieta asked me to come eat with him. He said his guests were near.